

09/07 – **PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW:** Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions in relation to the informal presentation regarding the above given by the Planning Advisory Service/I&DEA. One Member queried the comment in relation to the Enforcement Section. The Head of Planning Services stated that there had been a greater expectation placed upon the Enforcement Section due to a significant increase in the number of enforcement complaints over the last year. He commented that the service needed reviewing and refreshing with an analysis of the resources required to create a service fit for purpose and this was part of the current action plan. One Member queried how much weight was given to the review. The Head of Planning Services advised that a considerable amount of weight would be given to the results of the review and the recommended areas of improvement. It was noted that the Planning Division and DCPI had carried out a great deal of work towards the review and the results were very much welcomed. The Scrutiny Officer added that, once the final report was received, the Planning Division would formally respond to the recommendations made. Councillor Willis wished it to be minuted that, in his experience, the Enforcement Section had proved to be a very useful and successful and had always kept Members informed with issues. A discussion ensued regarding Parish Councils and the consensus was that it would be advantageous if they received planning training.

(7.30 pm - 7.45 pm)